

MINUTES
PROTECTION & WELFARE COMMITTEE
Monday, September 25, 2017
City Hall, Room 207
5:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairperson Ald. Randy Scannell, Vice Chairperson
Ald. Barbara Dorff, Ald. Bill Galvin, Ald. Guy Zima

MEMBERS EXCUSED: None

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Asst. City Atty Joanne Bungert, Captain Brad Florence, Asst. Cty
Atty Joe Faulds, Ald. David Nennig, Ald. Mark Steuer and other interested parties.

1. Roll Call.

Chairperson Scannell, Ald. Dorff, Ald. Zima and Ald. Galvin were present. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Scannell at 5 p.m.

2. Approval of the Agenda.

A motion was made by Ald. Galvin and seconded by Ald. Dorff to amend the agenda. There were no objections and motion carried.

3. Approval of the minutes from the September 11, 2017 meeting.

A motion was made by Ald. Galvin and seconded by Ald. Dorff to approve the minutes from the September 11, 2017 meeting. There were no objections and motion carried.

4. Consideration with possible action on a notice of change of agent for Kwik Trip 420 at 1712 E. Mason St.

A motion was made by Ald. Galvin and seconded by Ald. Dorff to approve the change of agent for Kwik Trip 420 at 1712 E. Mason St. There were no objections and motion carried.

5. Consideration with possible action on an appeal by Kathy Guillett to the denial of her Operator License application.

The Police and Law departments recommended denial of the appeal based off of her multiple convictions.

A motion was made by Ald. Dorff and seconded by Ald. Zima to open the floor. Motion carried.

Kathy Guillet, 765 B K Line Rd, spoke before the committee. Guillet said since 2012 she has been member of society that pays all of her bills and has held down a job. Guillet previously worked at Blackstone and since their closure, has had a hard time finding a job that does not require an operator's license.

Ald. Galvin asked where she wanted to work at. Guillet said she was offered jobs, but was unable to get the position because she did not have an operator's license.

Ald. Dorff asked if Guillet has gone to treatment. Guillet said she went through a treatment program in prison.

Ald. Galvin asked if she would corporate with the Police Department if there is was an incident at an establishment. Guillet said yes.

Ald. Zima asked about the 2014 incident.

A motion was made to close the floor by Ald. Galvin and seconded by Ald. Dorff. There were no objections and motion carried.

A motion was made by Ald. Galvin and seconded by Ald. Zima to approve an appeal by Kathy Guillet to the denial of her Operator License application. Motion carried.

6. Discussion with possible action regarding an ordinance relating to animals prohibited at Farmers' Market events.

Asst. Cty Atty Joe Faulds said that there has been a long standing rule where animals are not allowed at the Farmers' Market events. It was noticed that there was no ordinance establishing it so the Police Department thought an ordinance should be drafted.

Asst. Cty Atty Faulds suggested going forward with an ordinance or have it managed by the Special Events committee. The Police Department mentioned animals could be a safety and health issue. He recommended reaching out the community for input and have something in place by next year's Farmers Market.

Ald. Galvin wanted the request sent to staff. Ald. Scannell wanted more input from the community.

Ald. Dorff asked where the concern came from. Asst. Cty Atty Faulds said it stemmed from staff.

Ald. Zima asked if there was a draft ordinance. Asst. Cty Atty Faulds said no.

Ald. Zima and Asst. Cty Atty Faulds discussed the validity of the Chapter 25 ordinance discussing parks and dogs.

Ald. Zima said he would not want dogs to be at Farmers' Market events.

Ald. Galvin wanted to have staff reach out to the public and representatives to seek input on what the ordinance should say. Then a drafted ordinance could be brought back to the Protection & Welfare Committee for public input.

Ald. Scannell wanted public input prior to drafting of the ordinance.

Asst. Cty Atty Faulds wanted to work with the Economic Development department to reach out to those involved with the Farmers Market prior to the next P&W meeting. Ald. Zima wanted to make the conversation public and not just with staff.

A motion was made by Ald. Zima and seconded by Ald. Dorff to hold until the next P&W meeting an ordinance relating to animals prohibited at Farmers' Market events and to have staff reach out to notify interested parties to attend next meeting for further discussion and input.

- 7. Consideration with possible action on a request by Ald. Wery and Ald. Steuer that the City develop a plan of action regarding the increasing rat problem on the west side of the City. To prevent the further spread of this growing issue, the plan is to include an informational campaign as well as direct eradication efforts by the City.**
- 8. Consideration with possible action on a request by Ald. Zima that the Protection & Welfare Committee review the current rat problems in Green Bay and consider recommendations as what the City could do to bring the rat problems under control.**

A motion was made by Ald. Zima and seconded by Ald. Dorff to combine agenda items #7 and #8. There were no objections and motion carried.

Cpt. Florence was excused from the meeting.

Ald. Zima said the City has had rat problems over the years. There have been more rat appearances recently and people are worried. Ald. Zima went through the history of when there was a rat problem on Maple Ave. and the efforts used to decrease the population.

Ald. Zima recommended a Public Service announcement to inform citizens of where to call to inform the City of where a rat problem is occurring.

Ald. Steuer spoke before the committee. He said there were two neighborhood association meetings with a turnout of 75-80 people. Ald. Steuer said over the past six

to eight months, Perkin's Neighborhood had many concerns of rat sightings in the neighborhood. Ald. Steuer went into some of the prevention measures that can be taken, like cleaning up after a dog and properly storing bird seed.

Inspector Bill Paape, Neighborhood Development Manager, presented a map to the committee of the homes from Oct. 2016 to Sept. 2017 that had rat sightings or areas that could attract or harbor rats. Inspector Paape said there are approximately 150 properties on the map. Inspector Paape said the Inspections Department receives around 3,500 complaint calls a year, with approximately 150 being in regards to rats. He also mentioned the Inspections Department is complaint driven and those who call in can remain anonymous. He wanted people to call the Inspections Department so the City could be aware of where the issues are occurring.

Ald. Scannell pointed out there were no rats reported on the East side. Inspector Paape said his theory is many rats gain access through Port. Ald. Zima said the City previously had rat infestation issues on the East side, particularly around TNT Crust.

Inspector Paape mentioned the ordinance regarding rats that serves as an enforcement tool to assist inspectors with pest management for those who are not complying. Inspector Paape said the City is working on education and enforcement.

Ald. Galvin asked if the City could be more proactive as opposed to being complaint driven. Inspector Paape said they have 5 inspectors for 3,500 calls a year. There would need to be more inspectors.

Ald. Galvin asked if the City currently or have ever done any eradication/ poisoning of rats. Inspector Paape said currently no. Assistant Development Director Cheryl Renier-Wigg said in 2009 and 2010 there was a population explosion near the river on the west side. The City did hire an exterminator who did some trapping in specific areas, which decreased the population.

Inspector Paape mentioned if the City is struggling with compliance they can issue orders for a home owner to hire an exterminator.

Ald. Zima said many issues are not reported and some people feel helpless as they never dealt with the problem. Ald. Zima suggested putting kits with instructions that could be given to those who call in with instructions.

Ald. Zima asked about the over the counter items and if they are strong enough to care for the problem. The Inspections Department said there are a lot of factors that go into play. Asst. Development Director Renier-Wigg said commercial products are sufficient if used properly. She also mentioned the literature regarding rats will be redone to be easier to understand.

Ald. Zima offered suggestions to assist with the rat problem, which included: a friendly letter developed regarding how to handle a rat infestation, a bulk pickup program be put into place again, and ensure rat baiting is being done with any demolition permit.

Ald. Scannell agreed that maybe an emergency bulk pickup of garbage is a good solution in neighborhoods with rat problems. Reiner-Wiggs suggested the idea be deferred to DPW.

Ald. Dorff mentioned in her district there are concerns at Packerland Packing being torn down and a possible rat issue after. Asst. Development Director Reiner-Wigg said they could send out an inspector to determine if there are signs of rats and that the baiting process would be completed during demolition.

A motion was made by Ald. Zima and seconded by Ald. Dorff to open the floor. Motion carried.

Janet Angus, an owner of three properties on the west side, and Sue Gorczany, 1737 Gross Ave., spoke before the committee regarding issues of rats in their neighborhood.

A motion was made by Ald. Galvin and seconded Ald. Dorff to close the floor. There were no objections and motion carried.

A motion was made by Ald. Galvin and seconded by Ald. Dorff to hold the request for 60 days and have the Inspections Department report back with updates and provide results of their current efforts. Ald. Zima suggested it be only held for a month and the motion was amended. Motion carried.

A second motion was made by Ald. Zima and seconded by Ald. Scannell to refer a communication to I&S to have DPW work with Inspections to review and modify their bulk pickup program. There were no objections and motion carried.

There was a motion made by Ald. Dorff and seconded by Ald. Galvin to adjourn the meeting. There were no objections and motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.